

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1123
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A RESOLUTION to recognize Dr. Sammy V. Swor, Jr. on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sammy Swor, Jr. is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for nearly twelve years as Principal of Glenclyff High School; and

WHEREAS, after over three decades of service in public education, Dr. Swor will soon be taking a much deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, a native of Nashville, Sammy Swor, Jr. is a graduate of Litton High School; and

WHEREAS, inspired by his father, a forty-year veteran of the Metropolitan Nashville School System, Dr. Swor earned his Bachelor of Science and Master of Education degrees from Middle Tennessee State University and furthered his education by receiving his Doctor of Education degree from Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, beginning his illustrious tenure in education in 1968 as a Science Teacher at Ewing Park Junior High School, Dr. Swor taught Astronomy and Aerospace from 1972-1984 at McGavock High School, where he served as the Chair of the Department and received the Science Chair Award for teaching; and

WHEREAS, during his exemplary tenure at McGavock High School, Dr. Swor also served as an Adjunct Instructor of Astronomy at the University of Tennessee at Nashville and with Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, in 1984, Dr. Swor commenced his career in school administration, serving as Assistant Principal at Madison High School, and in 1986 he began his excellent term at Glenclyff High School as Assistant Principal also serving as Curriculum Coordinator and as a

Small-School Principal; during this time he also served as an Adjunct Instructor at Tennessee State University teaching graduate-level courses in school administration; and

WHEREAS, named Executive Principal of Glenclyff High in 1992, Dr. Swor has distinguished himself as a Career Ladder III Principal and has served with acumen and alacrity, earning the unbridled respect of his teachers, staff, parents, students, and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Swor has also earned the utmost respect from his peers as evidenced by his being voted Metro Principal of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Swor is an active and important part of his community and his profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations, including the PENCIL Foundation, serving on the Board and Executive Board; the Southern Business Council, serving for two years as Chair; the Board of Governors of the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce; the Stop the Violence Board; and the Board of Directors for STARS, serving as Chair; and

WHEREAS, an advocate of advancing technology in the classroom, Dr. Swor has lent his support and many talents to the Tennessee Department of Education as a Consultant for the Technology Demonstration Site Committee, in addition to serving on the Tennessee Information Infrastructure Task Force and the Metro Technology Task Force; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Swor also contributes his time and numerous abilities to several professional organizations, including the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the state association, and the Metropolitan Nashville Association of Secondary School Principals; he has served two years as President of the local association and previously served two years as Vice President; and

WHEREAS, as an active and important member of Phi Delta Kappa, Dr. Swor has attended many regional and national seminars and institutes both as a participant and a presenter; and

WHEREAS, upon retirement, Dr. Swor intends to stay active in the Metropolitan Nashville school system and further pursue his hobbies of technology, photography, music, astronomy, gardening, and flying; Dr. Swor is a licensed Private Pilot; and

WHEREAS, highly committed to upholding family values of the highest order, Dr. Swor is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife Sallie, who is a Guidance

Counselor at Hillsboro High School; they are the proud parents of two sons, Mark, who is an engineer and Richard, who is in the seventh grade; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Swor exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career and especially as Principal of Glenclyff High School, Dr. Swor has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, and has been unswerving in his dedication to the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we commend Dr. Sammy V. Swor, Jr. for his dedication to providing a quality education for all in this State and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.